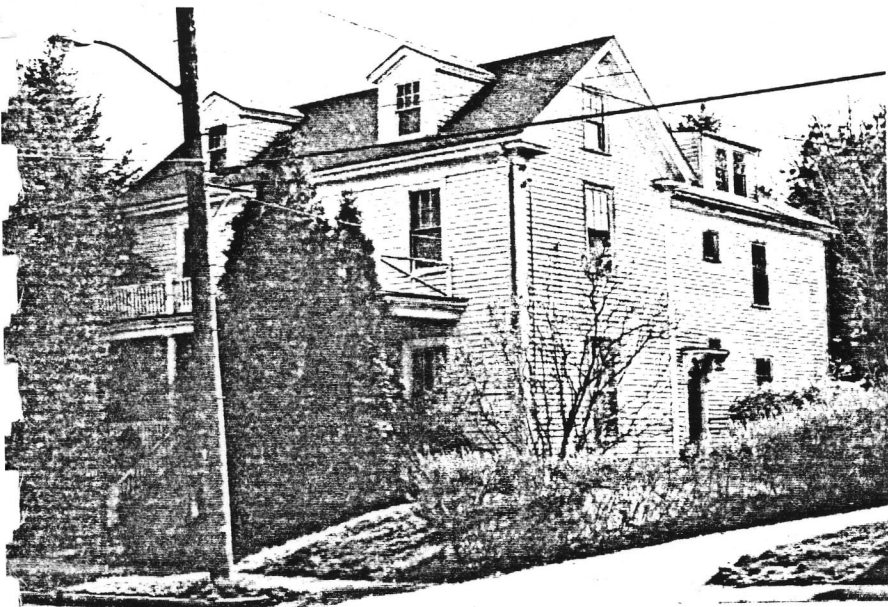


FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

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1 Lexington

ess <sup>910-12</sup> 914 Mass. Ave.

Pierce-Stearns House

ent use \_\_\_\_\_

ent owner Joseph Mason

ription: \_\_\_\_\_

c1840

ource Deed Research

Style Italianate

Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

Other features stick porch, ell with brackets

hooded door right rear - foundation obscured

Altered probably Date \_\_\_\_\_

Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

5. Lot size:

Less than one acre x Over one acre \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate frontage 75'

Approximate distance of building from street

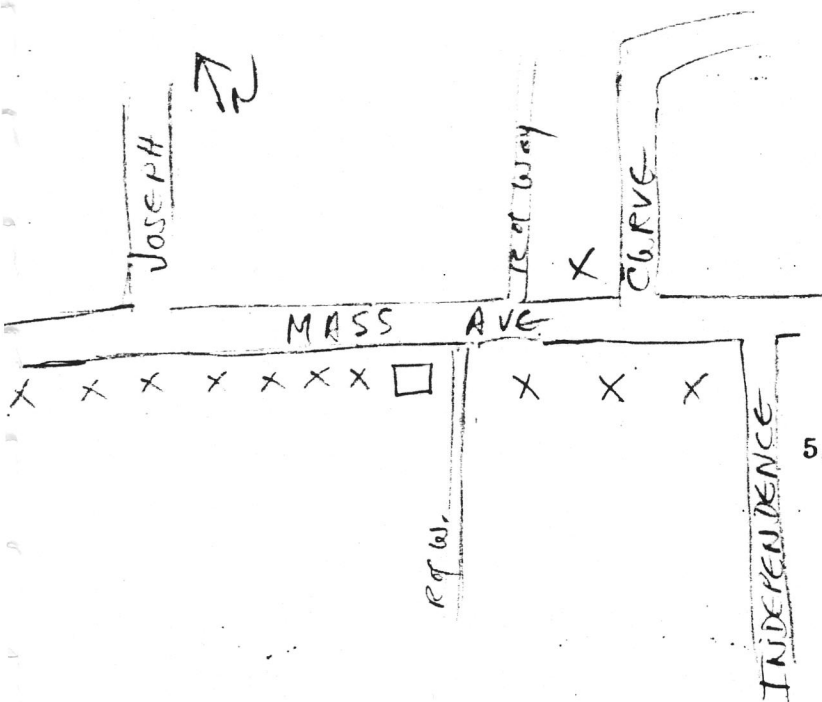
10-15'

6. Recorded by E. W. Reinhardt

Organization Lex. Hist. Comm.

Date 7/75

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



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USGS Quadrant \_\_\_\_\_

MHC Photo no. \_\_\_\_\_

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) George Stearns

Original use \_\_\_\_\_

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates \_\_\_\_\_

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

|                       |       |              |       |                |       |
|-----------------------|-------|--------------|-------|----------------|-------|
| Aboriginal            | _____ | Conservation | _____ | Recreation     | _____ |
| Agricultural          | _____ | Education    | _____ | Religion       | _____ |
| Architectural         | _____ | Exploration/ | _____ | Science/       | _____ |
| The Arts              | _____ | settlement   | _____ | invention      | _____ |
| Commerce              | _____ | Industry     | _____ | Social/        | _____ |
| Communication         | _____ | Military     | _____ | Humanitarian   | _____ |
| Community development | _____ | Political    | _____ | Transportation | _____ |

9. Historical Significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

# INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

Town  
LEXINGTON

Property Address  
910-912 MASS. AVENUE

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING  
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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## HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

On the 1853 map it appears that this property is labeled as being owned by L. Pierce or H. Pierce while the house across the street is labeled G. Stearns. These houses appear to have been juxtaposed on the map.

According to E.B. Worthen, the house was occupied by George Stearns, the last of the long-prominent Stearns family to live in Lexington. George A. Stearns was born in 1846 and married Emma Hovey in 1877. He was a milkman. The couple appeared to be living here by 1880. Stearns is shown as the owner on the 1898 and the 1906 map although there is no listing for the couple in the directories of that period so it may have been rented out.

By 1915 the property was occupied by Peter Canessa.

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